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SUBJ: NOMINATION OF ESTELA MEDINA FOR PARTIAL IV GRANT

POST NOMINATES LEADING URUGUAYAN ACTRESS ESTELA MEDINA FOR PARTIAL 10-15 DAY INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GRANT INCLUDING PER DIEM AND DOMESTIC TRAVEL, BEGINNING ON OR ABOUT OCTOBER 15. MISS MEDINA HAS RECEIVED AN INVITATION FROM THE ITALIAN GOVERNEMENT TO HOLD SEVERAL PRESENTATIONS IN ITALY OF HER LATEST AND EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL SHOW "SERIES OF MONOLOGUES ON CLASSIC SPANISH AUTHORS ON THE SUBJECT OF LIFE AND DEATH" ("RETABLO DE VIDA Y MUERTE"). IN THAT CONNECTION, URUGUAYAN MINISTRY OF CULTURE IS OFFERING HER ROUND TRIP INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL TO EUROPE INCLUDING STOP IN NEW YORK. POST WISHES TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MEDINA'S TRAVEL TO OFFER HER OBSERVATION AND CONSULTATION PROGRAM IN THE U.S. IN WASHINGTON, NEW YORK AND BOSTON AREAS WITH POSSIBILITY OF PRESENTATION OF HER SHOW FOR SPANISH AMERICAN AND UNIVERSITY AUDIENCES. POST SUGGESTIONS FOR SHOW PRESENTATION INCLUDE: PAN AMERICAN UNION AUDITORIUM IN WASHINGTON, D.C. WITH OAS SPONSORSHIP, THE GRAMMERCY THEATER (SPANISH REPERTORY THEATER) IN NEW YORK OF WHICH LEADING MEMBER IS URUGUAYAN ACTOR BRAULIO VILLAR; DRAMA DEPARTMENTS OF YALE, COLUMBIA AND CATHOLIC UNIVERSITIES. SHOW NEED NO STAGE SETTING; POEMS ARE ACCOMPANIED BY TAPED MUSIC WITH SIMPLE LIGHT EFFECTS. MISS MEDINA HAS WON ALL HIGHEST NATIONAL DRAMATIC AWARDS AND HAS BEEN THE ONLY URUGUAYAN TO BE DESIGNATED BEST SPANISH-SPEAKING ACTRESS OF LATIN AMERICA BY BUENOS AIRES THEATER CRITICS ASSOCIATION. IN HER EARLY FORTIES, SHE EXUDES CHARM, GENTLENESS AND BEAUTY. HER TALENT IS ALTOGETHER EXCEPTIONAL AND HER PRESENTATIONS

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INVARIABLY ATTRACT FULL HOUSES. POST WOULD LIKE TO FAMILIARIZE

MEDINA WITH U.S. THEATER WORLD THROUGH COMMERCIAL AS WELL AS AVANT-GARDE AND UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES. ENGLISH FAIR, WILL NEED INTERPRETER'S SERVICES. KNOWLEDGE OF FIELD WILL MAKE ATTENDANCE AT THEATRICAL SHOWS VERY VALUABLE DESPITE LANGUAGE LIMITATIONS. ALTHOUGH NOMINATION NOT INCLUDED IN FY-77 CU PROGRAM PROPOSAL, POST MOST INTERESTED INCLUDE MISS MEDINA'S PARTIAL GRANT WITHIN FY ALLOCATION. WHEN CONCURRENCE RECEIVED POST WILL FORWARD FULL CURRICULUM AND DETAILS AND REQUIREMENTS PROPOSED SHOW. SATISFACTORY NAME CHECK. BIODATA: FULL NAME: ESTELA MARGARITA MEDINA GILLETTE (STAGE NAME: ESTELA MEDINA). BORN MONTEVIDEO, FEBRUARY 13, 1934. URUGUAYAN. ADDRESS: AVDA. BRASIL 2035 APT. 205, MONTEVIDEO. ACADEMIC BACKGROUND: UNIVERSITY STUDIES AT SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES; GRADUATE OF MUNICIPAL SCHOOL OF DRAMA. PRESENT POSITION: FIRST ACTRESS OF NATIONAL REPERTORY THEATER SINCE 1952. TRAVELS: ARGENTINA AND CHILE AS MEMEBER OF NATIONAL REPERTORY THEATER AND PARIS AND ROME IN 1963 TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONS FESTIVAL WITH NATION REPERTORY THEATER. CABLE REPLY. SIRACUSA

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